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INSPECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS, IRELAND.

CORRESPONDENCE

On the subject of granting a Superannuation Allowance to the Rev^d *Foster Archer*,
late Inspector General of Prisons in Ireland.

— N^o 1. —

Copy of a LETTER from the Right Honourable Henry Goulburn to George Harrison, Esq. dated Dublin Castle, the 8th January 1822; with its Enclosures.

Dublin Castle, January 8th 1822.

SIR,

I SEND you herewith, by the command of the Lord Lieutenant, a Memorial from the Rev^d *Foster Archer*, late Inspector General of Prisons in Ireland, praying to be granted two thirds of his salary and emoluments when in that office, having served twenty-seven years, and being above sixty years of age.

And I am to signify His Excellency's desire, that you will submit the same to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for such directions thereupon as their Lordships shall think proper.

I am, &c. (signed)

HENRY GOULBURN.

George Harrison, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure 1.

To the Right Honourable the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury
of Great Britain and Ireland.

The MEMORIAL of the Rev^d *Foster Archer*, Inspector General of the
Prisons of Ireland;

Humbly represents,

THAT Your Lordships Memorialist was first appointed to the office in March 1795, previous to which he held some clerical appointments in the city of Cork, worth £.300 per annum.

That your Lordships Memorialist, in executing the arduous duties of his office, at a period of great commotion, was found useful and satisfactory by His Excellency Earl Camden.

That the duties of the office becoming daily more difficult and expensive, the gaols being crowded to excess, the country in a state of rebellion or protracted insurrections, an amendment to the Gaol Act became necessary, whereupon the Right Honourable Lord Maryborough, who humanely used to visit the prisons, and thus being personally acquainted with the defects of the system and principle of the old statute, 26 Geo. 3. introduced the statute, 50th Geo. 3. ch. 104, whereby the salary and emoluments of the Inspector General of the Prisons was made £ 850 per annum. Memorialist being continued in the office by the Chief Secretary, proves what opinion His Lordship entertained of his zeal and exertions in the discharge of the important duty.

That by Memorialist's continual attention to the duties of the office, he has been precluded from seeking or obtaining the smallest church preferment; and now in his good climacteric, he and his family are *without other means of support*, save what his superannuation will afford.

That your Lordships Memorialist begs leave to observe, that from the words of the 1st and 2d stat. Geo. 4. ch. 57, sec. 8, it appears not intended to remove or displace your Memorialist, but to make the office more operative and extensive, as several new duties were thereby imposed.

That your Lordships Memorialist begs leave to state, that while very lately he was on a tour of Inspection of the Prisons to the disturbed counties, it was communicated to him, by order of the Right Honourable C. Grant, that *two new Inspectors General* would be appointed, and that your Memorialist would be allowed £ 300 per annum on retirement.

That your Memorialist humbly conceives, by stat. 50 Geo. 3. ch. 117, sec. 12, he is entitled to two-thirds of his salary and emoluments, he being above 60 years of age, and having served not only 15 but 27 years in that Public Office.

Memorialist therefore humbly entreats your Lordships equitable consideration of this true Statement, and, as is generally done in similar cases, grant that relief which shall, in justice, seem to your Lordships meet and expedient.

So prays your Memorialist.

(signed) *Foster Archer.*

Enclosure 2.

Copy of the OPINION of J. S. Townsend, Esq. one of His Majesty's Law Officers,
on the Case of the *Rev^d Foster Archer.*

I THINK the Inspector General of Prisons is a Public Officer under the Superannuation Act, 50 Geo. 3. ch. 117; and that the allowance which, by sec. 12, may be granted to him on retiring, if above 60 years, and having served above 15 years, is two thirds of the amount of his salary and emoluments.

(signed) J. S. TOWNSEND.

December 26, 1821.

Dublin Castle.

— N° 2. —

Copy of a LETTER from S. R. Lushington, Esq. to the Right Honourable
Henry Goulburn; dated Treasury Chambers, the 1st February 1823.

SIR,

Treasury Chambers, 1st February 1823.

HAVING laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, your letter of the 8th of January 1822, transmitting a Memorial from the Rev^d Foster Archer, late Inspector General of Prisons in Ireland, praying to be allowed a superannuation allowance, I am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint you, that they are pleased to sanction a superannuation allowance of £.490 per annum to this gentleman, and to request you will move His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to direct an estimate to be prepared and transmitted of the sum required for the payment thereof, with the arrears, from the period when his salary and emoluments ceased.

I am, &c. (signed)

S. R. LUSHINGTON.

The Right Honourable
Henry Goulburn.

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